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Dave Murray's piece for the Four Nations Face-Off Tournament, which celebrated the best of the best in the National Hockey League. Murray is a former teacher at the Haliburton School of Art and Design. /submitted

Diving into doodles with Dave Murray

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

Dave Murray's elementary school teachers used to tape large pieces of paper across his desk in an effort to quell the doodles. They had told him enough times to stop scribbling across school surfaces, and finally, they leaned into it. May as well protect the desks, if they could.

Little did they know, those doodles were headed towards something bigger. Much bigger.

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"I've been drawing my entire life," chuckled the Toronto-based artist, "and now it feels like I am having a lot of 'full circle' moments."

Murray attended Sheridan College for illustration, a school he now teaches at on occasion, in the same program he studied. In 2014, his work was noticed by the former dean of Haliburton's School of Art and Design (HSAD), Sandra Dupret. Dupret approached Murray, asking if he would be interested in joining the faculty at the arts college, and he readily accepted.

At that point in his career, Murray was exploring his style - a journey any true artist will continue on for the duration of their career. During one local lesson, Murray brought a collection of his notebooks with him to show the Haliburton students. "Always carry a sketchbook, anywhere you go," he said. "It's so important to get that practice. To get those thoughts out from your mind, onto paper."

Murray taught for years at HSAD, exploring everything from drawing and painting, digital imagery, and integrated design. Like many creative endeavors, his time with the college came to a halt during the COVID-19 pandemic, at which point he reshuffled to prioritize his work in an urban setting.

This was the shifting point for Murrary's newest passion: combining the worlds of sports and art. "Traditionally, those two circles don't overlap that much," said Murray, noting that in the past, the primary medium for sports-based advertising was photography, which captured the pace of the movement, but left little room for creative expression.

"I love the challenge in my mind, and adding the movement to the pieces," he said. As a hockey player himself, Murray has the first-hand experience of seeing the motions. "It's easy for me to understand the movement and the poses, and that's extremely special to combine those two worlds together."

Murray describes his style as modern cubism, with heavy, angular dashes and lines, showcasing depth, colour, and movement. His first inspiration was none other than the comic strip *Calvin and Hobbes*. The artist recalled one particular strip where Calvin was seeing the world in a cubist style, and he remembers being entirely captivated by that approach.

But like any true artist, his style continues to grow. "I think any working artist would tell you that they always want their art to change and challenge them," he noted.

Some major partners Murray has worked with include the National Hockey League, the *New York Times*, *Canada Post*, the *Wall Street Journal*, the *Washington Post*, the *Globe and Mail*, *Major League Baseball*, and the *LA Times*, to name a few.

Most recently, Murray was selected from over 500 artists to create the poster for the FIFA World Cup,

Murray with his piece for the 2026 FIFA World Cup, which was selected from over 500 entries. /submitted

2026 for the host city of Toronto. "It's the biggest sports tournament on earth," said Murray of the international soccer match, who was still in awe after being told just a few days before that his work was selected as the winner.

He dove into the process of creating the piece, which includes a number of very rough sketches and doodles, which gradually became more refined and symbolic as the process progressed. In the piece, you can feel the movement, the speed, the depth of the sport. "Sports and art can meet and really thrive together, and open up so many opportunities," Murray said.

What's next for the forever changing and growing Murray? When he took the time to chat for this interview, he was deeply engrossed in his studio, painting for an upcoming exhibit - one of his first solo shows, ever. Fittingly, the exhibit is titled *Next Goal*. "And that's what's next for me," he said. "I want to really focus on moving into more professional spaces and galleries, and pushing myself in different ways."

And as always, Murray urges all artists to just keep drawing, everywhere and anywhere, whenever they can. "Don't be afraid to make mistakes," he laughed, "that's exactly how you learn."

Little did they know, his elementary school teachers were setting him up for a lifetime of success in doodling.

Word-botching

DEB REED
Wind in the Attic

THAT'S 'BIRD-WATCHING' kind-of-backwards. But if that were the title of this, you might not read further! I'm always botching words …

Birding actually bores some people. No excitement there around snatching up binoculars or illustrated field guides. Birds are just there. They fly. They sing. I'm an old nerd, however. Time on my hands. My kids and I still restlessly anticipate the first appearance of rose-breasted grosbeaks each Canadian spring. It's actually thrilling to spot those crazy feathers. But how do I best tell you how exquisite that feels?

Yes. This is definitely about 'word-botching'. Of my frustration around finding the perfect language to express beauty. Express anything. To convey myself with spot-on accuracy!

Everyone knows that birds talk to each other. Territory, safety, mating, parenting. They use exclusive calls to be instantly understood, even when they mimic to deceive. But our own human communication proves much less reliable. It's harder to fathom our ambiguity. The abstractions.

We manipulate words. Trillions of them. We're constantly thinking about something. Words are supposed to represent our inside voices. Hmm. How to explain … ?

Words can also trick and judge. Or offer way too little. There are huge disconnects between uttering and receiving, and around our foundational domains like education, literature, politics, culture, faith. Words aren't our only meaningful language. But they're our main symbols, and old as the hills.

I've been savouring a friend's autobiography. I've attempted my own. Someone I've just met tentatively begins to journal. All of us are seniors. All of us hope to leave some legacy.

Our personal writing mirrors our existence. That's quietly important to us. We've handpicked every word. We're exposing our experience. Our voices remain after our bodies finish. It feels like an accomplishment. But we're still disappointed by each shortfall of language!

Most writers of anything personal (speeches, memoirs, lyrics, spiritual reflection) will admit to struggling with the limitations of words. Despite handy online tools, we still second-guess the ways we've offered up our highest intentions, our truest messages. We settle for phrases which don't quite work. We get close, experiment with early feedback, and ultimately expose our finished products to others. Rather than edit ourselves to cancellation, we use a citizen's privilege of openly speaking, reading, writing. It's exhilarating when just the right words happen to happen. And yet some of my own happiest interactions are with wide-open people whose vulnerability, good, bad or ugly, is freely and imperfectly expressed.

Like rose-breasted grosbeaks, we persist and communicate to exist. To perpetuate our uniqueness and our nature. To leave a shadow. To model mindfulness. If people didn't strive for the best words, we'd know little of ourselves, of humility, of shared reality, of hope, risk, of the very personality and history of human thought.

There's been plenty of notorious 'word-botching' over time. World leaders. Celebrities. Our parents. There is either nothing or something new in any set of human words ever offered. We show up. We learn. Best or worst we know how.

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Environment Haliburton aims to raise awareness

THOMAS SMITH
County Life Staff

After her kids were born, Environment Haliburton President Susan Hay sought to take a stand to protect the environment for future generations.

One of her earliest memories of celebrating Earth Day is with her two kids, using an apple to show what percentage of the world has fresh water.

A resident of Haliburton County since 2015, Hay has been president of Environment Haliburton for the past five years.

A smattering of issues that concern EH include reducing the amount of pollution that is generated in our consumer-driven society, awareness of rampant disinformation campaigns paid for by fossil fuel companies, reducing reliance on fossil fuel burning vehicles, and reducing food waste.

"The climate crisis we find ourselves in now is not necessary," said Hay.

There are many ways for residents of Haliburton County to do their part in combating climate change including adopting a plant-based diet, installing a heat pump system, driving an electric vehicle, and voting for political parties that actively support climate change initiatives, says Hay.

Hay herself has purchased two electric vehicles, with her first-ever electric vehicle being purchased from Curry Motors in Haliburton.

"I've been very happy with it," said Hay. "It doesn't need oil changes and I know that I am polluting less."

Fully aware that electric vehicles are not produced with zero impact through things like mining rare earth metals, Hay says that cycle analyses of electric vehicles show that with extended use, the reduced emission of greenhouse gases exceeds the negative impact from mining.

In January, a delegation from Environment Haliburton made Dysart aware of the Charged for Change grant to install more EV chargers.

Ultimately, their application to the grant was unsuccessful.

There is only one EV charging station in Haliburton. Simply put, there needs to be more EV chargers across the county entirely. More chargers would mean more confidence in reliably charging your vehicle away from home. The more infrastructure that is in place in our communities, the more EVs will be purchased, says Hay.

Environment Haliburton has recognized the need for young people joining their organization and plan on reaching out to local guiding and scouting groups.

"The more I learn about climate change, the more time I want to spend spreading the truth about it," said Hay. "The longer we don't act against climate change, the more it is going to cost us."

Increased storms, such as the ice storm the county recently faced, as well as intense flooding can result from climate change.

Insurance companies have already accepted the risks associated with climate change and have changed many plans accordingly.

People typically fall into four categories when it comes to climate change action. There are dismissives, who do not believe in climate change. Many dismissives have fallen for misinformation campaigns and other conspiracy theories.

There are those who are extremely concerned about climate change and regularly read the latest publications on climate sciences, watch EV YouTubers regularly, and have switched to driving an EV.

The most prevalent are those that are moderately concerned. They have heard about climate change and know about it, but do not actively work against it.

Hay says that there is a shocking amount of people in Haliburton County that are still dismissive of climate change.

Environment Haliburton regularly hosts Enviro-Cafes through Zoom. What originally began as tables set up at a church grew to entire educational events.

Offering their Enviro-Cafes over Zoom reduces emissions for people travelling to the event, allows speakers to present from wherever they are located, and attendees do not have to worry about driving in the dark.

On April 22, for Earth Day, two students from Trent University presented on the impact of light pollution in Haliburton County. The talk was presented by Ella Honey and Angus McBride and was in participation with the U-Links Centre for Community Based Research.

Environment Haliburton is teaming up with the Friends of Ecological and Environmental Learning (FEEL) to organize a Sustainable Shores and Garden event on May 17 and 18 at Abbey Gardens from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. FEEL will be selling native plant species with the proceeds going to the Haliburton-Muskoka-Kawartha Children's Water Festival. Environment Haliburton will be in attendance to discuss the effect of artificial light on local ecosystems and their impact on beneficial insects.

On August 9, Environment Haliburton will also be organizing an EV Show at the Haliburton Highlands Secondary School. Members from the EV Society will be in attendance and Steve Lapp, a mechanical engineer who specializes in renewable energy systems, will be giving a speech. Drivers of EVs will be around to ask questions and if the driver agrees, people will be allowed to take EVs around for test drives.

"I have found that the best antidote for climate anxiety is action," said Hay. "The best way to get involved is through a local group."

Environment Haliburton is a local non-profit currently looking for new members. For those interested, please visit their website environmenthaliburton.org.

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Writing on the Senior Side

Vaccines for the kids

GAIL STELTER

County Life Contributor

She was an attractive adolescent, in Grade 8 at the time. Sometimes she was a mean girl, hurtful towards others, and she felt entitled and inherently deserving because she was beautiful. I had spoken to her about how her words and actions affected others, and we talked about what kind of young woman she was becoming. She was uninterested in my advice and the advice of her teachers. She wasn't doing any school work and often missed school, with her parents' permission. The classroom teacher asked me to intervene about missed assignments, homework, etc. I told the girl that we would move her on to high school at the end of Grade 8. I told her that in Grade 9, if she continued not to do any of her school work, she could expect to fail her courses. She smiled and said, "I don't care. I am beautiful and I'm going to be a model anyway."

The letter came shortly after this conversation. The local health unit had contacted her parents several times to inform them that their daughter had not had the necessary vaccinations. Her parents ignored these, and now, the girl was suspended from school. She would not be allowed back in school until proof of vaccines was submitted to the health unit. She and her parents were livid. Her mom came to yell at me and brought her daughter with her. I explained to her that this was a law, under the Education Act, and, as the school principal, it was my responsibility to uphold and carry it out, even if I had to call the police for assistance. She took her daughter home.

It is that simple; in the province of Ontario, children must receive the mandatory vaccines. We want to protect our children and all children for the common good.

This incident takes me back to one of my childhood vaccines. It was a bright summer day when my mom and I walked hand in hand along Ringley Avenue over to Park Lawn Baptist Church. Lots of kids and moms were doing the same thing, and it felt like we were going to a fun fair or penny carnival.

The vaccine was introduced in 1955, and I was getting the needle. I was scared, but my mom told me it would make sure I didn't get polio.

I knew about polio because I knew Jimmy, not my brother, Jimmy, the other one who lived in the Tudor-style house on our street and who walked with a limp. Mom said he had polio when he was little. So, polio meant you walked with a limp. I liked Jimmy. He was always friendly. I often saw him walking on our street. He was older than me. He was always alone or with his parents, so I guessed he didn't have any friends. It must have been hard to have a limp and no friends.

Polio was called 'the crippler'. I wasn't sure what that meant but I knew that some of the kids called Jimmy a cripple so it made sense. I understand now how sad this must have been for him and his parents and how scary for everyone when 9000 people in Canada came down with polio, and 494 people died. How scary it must have been for my mom, who had lost her little sister to the diphtheria epidemic in the 1920s.

When I remember Jimmy with the limp, I think back to iron lungs. An electric tank respirator, called an iron lung, was the only known treatment for polio. An iron lung was a large chamber that worked by using a vacuum, pulling air in and out to change the pressure in the chamber. The pressure changes forced air in and out of the patient's lungs. The Hospital for Sick Children began assembling 'homemade' iron lungs from standard parts. This was done in the basement of the hospital. Some of these remained in Toronto, and others were shipped to cities in Ontario and across Canada. Although the overall effectiveness of these lungs in saving lives appears to have been limited, the subsequent media blitz helped to etch the images of polio and the iron lung indelibly into the public consciousness. In the era before the Salk polio vaccines were introduced (1955 and 1962), the iron lung was a powerful symbol of public response to a terrible disease. The long lineup of parents and children outside Parklawn Baptist Church certainly spoke to this. I couldn't imagine kids in iron lungs during this time and into the baby boom 50s. I thought polio was just a limp.

With these and similar childhood experiences, it is not surprising that most seniors eagerly supported and lined up to get their COVID-19 shots. We knew. We still know that vaccines can save lives and prevent further complications.

Why am I writing about vaccines? I am concerned about the current outbreak of measles. Measles is a highly contagious respiratory virus. Symptoms of measles include fever, a red blotchy rash, watery eyes and cough. Immunization is the best protection against measles. Measles was eradicated in Canada 25 years ago, and now it's back. From October 18, 2024, to April 16, 2025, Ontario has reported a total of 925 measles cases (773 confirmed, 152 probable) associated with this outbreak. Among infants, children and adolescents, 94.8 per cent were unimmunized. There are a few among us who may think that measles is just a childhood disease that will pass. Not. Measles can lead to several complications, some of which can be serious or even fatal. Common complications include ear infections, pneumonia, and diarrhea. More severe complications can involve the brain, such as encephalitis or Subacute Sclerosing Panencephalitis (SSPE). Additionally, measles can weaken the immune system, making individuals more susceptible to other infections.

In the U.S., two school-aged children have recently died from measles. How many children will die or become seriously ill from a disease that was eradicated? Why are we not taking care of the children, and why are we not interested in the common good? I am sad and annoyed. Sometimes I feel so helpless. Why doesn't this generation learn from the past, especially when it comes to the health and safety of our children?

I know we have many horrible happenings in the world. I know our headspace is overflowing, but when it comes to children, we need to keep our minds alert and our voices strong. We are the history of diphtheria and polio. We are also the history of vaccines that work. Help me inform those who ignore good medicine. Vaccines for measles work. Tell them they have a responsibility to their children and for the common good. They must know that the recommended time for the first measles vaccine dose is between 12 and 15 months of age, followed by a second dose between four and six years old. We will catch them when their children enter our schools, but we need them to be responsible. Also, if they travel to areas with measles outbreaks, a second dose might be given earlier, but not before four weeks after the first. It is just so difficult for me to see this happening again. We live in a great country that gives us the opportunity to live our best lives. Please, spread the word. It is a challenge to make a difference when you are living on the senior side. Do what you can. Thank you.

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Flowers

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County Life Editor

THE OTHER day, I was driving through town, on what was the millionth grey day of the year (okay, perhaps my pre-teen kids' flair for exaggeration is rubbing off on me, but still, you get the point).

Grey lake. Grey clouds. Grey trees. If I didn't have the lime green numbers on my dashboard telling me the time, I never would have known. These grey days have a way of melting together from morning to night, each one looking more and more like the last.

But then I saw it. A pop of colour, winding around the edge of Head Lake.

Tulips. And yes, it's still slightly too early for our spring friends to be popping up naturally in our neck of the woods.

But these tulips were different. They were nestled into the backpack of a woman wandering around the lake; their buttery yellow petals curled into the green sleeping bags of leaves, and bundled into waxy cellophane.

These tulips were the chosen ones; carefully selected from bunches of dripping flowers at our local grocery store, to be propped in a vase in an effort to bring some sunshine indoors.

It got me thinking about flowers.

It's a tough economy. Grocery prices have sky-rocketed, gas prices inflated, the cost of living through the roof.

That's why, when I see someone has built it into their already tightened budget to buy flowers, it brings me joy.

The act of giving flowers can be dated back to Ancient Egypt. There are depictions in hieroglyphs carved into the pyramids of flowers abounding tombs, ceremonies, and celebrations. There are also records of flowers in Ancient Greece and Rome, often used for beauty, scent, and practical medicine.

Some of my favourite bouquets I have received are from tiny fingers; the stems of dandelions creased and cracked from little palms holding them with such gusto, such love; eager to share their findings. Each and every one of those bouquets have been placed in a mason jar by the sink, dutifully maintained until the last leaf wilts from fatigue.

When someone buys flowers, I am often captivated. Where are they going? Who are they for? What is the reason? I've watched older men purchase lilies and carnations; asking the cashier if they can be wrapped in silky white paper to transport them to their recipient.

I have seen younger women pick through baby's breath and orange gerber daisies to build a bouquet at home. I listen when young kids pass the flowers at the store; one particular little girl asking her mom to stop so she could smell each and every one of them.

They serve no purpose in this world, other than to bring joy. They are at weddings and funerals, birthdays and holidays. The power of the flower to bring a little sunshine indoors.

So on those particularly grey days - Grey lake. Grey clouds. Grey trees - might I suggest splurging a little bit, and buying yourself some flowers.

A little pop of colour can go a long way.

Top 10 reasons to explain why "April showers bring May flowers"

STEVE GALEA
Humour Columnist

THIS MONTH, one of the things you'll frequently hear is the phrase, "April showers bring May flowers." This is a strange saying that has withstood the test of time. And rightly so. Here are the top 10 reasons why:

1. If you finally have a shower in April, people want to encourage that behaviour with small gestures like bringing you flowers in May.
2. It's a more optimistic than "April floods bring May muds."
3. It sounds silly now, but when it was written, that was the height of great poetry.
4. Just one more slogan used by Big Nursery to make you wait.
5. Because no one wants to repeat "April sleet brings wet feet."
6. The best slogan even written by the Society for the promotion of April-related events.
7. It's a better way of saying "I don't want to water the flower garden."
8. It's a great way to get out of an awkward conversation about the weather.
9. Because we all want to believe we're going to make it to May.
10. Because back when that was first written, they also considered dandelions flowers.

Friend

River of road curving beneath my feet, Sunday remaining true to its name,
as I meander my way beneath a seamless blue Sky, to see a new friend that I met last week,
hoping he'll be there today,
standing alone at the bottom of the slope, off the shoulder of the road before it begins to wind up and up,
I cup my face up towards all that blue, feeling fingers of Sun stroke my cheeks,
its warmth spreading through me,
lightening my steps and Breath, as I near the bend in the road, glimpsing the house at the top of the hill,
and the muddy incline sloping down towards the road, separated by a wire fence
where I spotted my new friend, whose name I don't know, last week, his brown eyes,
the shade of earth after Rain,
his mane, the colour of wheat, my feet trotting over towards the fence, my Heart galloping in my chest,
bursting with gladness that the caramel coloured horse is there, standing still as a stone statue in the mud,
peering at me with such serene eyes, my heartbeat slows and I know he won't be skittish like he was last week,
when I reached my hand over the fence to stroke the white flecks dribbling down the slope of his nose,
mumbling, Good Boy, into his ears, as he stared and stared, his brown eyes meeting the stranger's
for the first time,
as I held out my hand for him to sniff, all I had to offer him was the mottled skin of my palm,
this week I bring him some apples and walnut halves that I fish out of my coat pocket and place in my palm,
waiting to see if he'll accept the offering, wondering what his name is, as he bows his head,
taking the small apple from my hand, slobbering all over my palm, trusting that I won't harm him,
I stand, transfixed, on the other side of the fence, watching his long blonde tail swishing in the Air,
daring to reach out with my hand, when he finishes eating his treat, to stroke the white diamonds flecking
the slope of his nose,
he doesn't flinch like last week, my fingers lingering in the warmth of his fur,
how smooth and sleek, like silk, as I pat the milky flecks, grateful that the horse remains so still,
his gumball sized eyes, trusting this stranger that loped over from the road,
time, standing still as the horse, for the moments that I spend with him, his calmness, a balm, blanketing me,
as I mumble, Good Boy, again before I turn to leave, the horse's left hoof pawing at the mud,
I wonder what he's trying to say, hoping I didn't impose too much on his quiet day,
Sun blaring up in afternoon Sky, his caramel coat gleaming in the light,
as I keep turning around on the River of road, before it carries me out of sight,
my nameless friend still standing at the fence, watching me as I go, I wave with my hand and
bellow Good-bye,
as if he were human and understands, wondering whether there is a language beyond words,
something truer and more tender that can't be named, a feeling of warmth trickling through me
as I turn back around one last time, the horse's whinny rumpling Air, and I wonder what he's trying to say,
the barrier between horse and human, stripped away,
sunlight stroking both our coats on this blue Sky day that remains true to its name.

Sylvie Kalenda

The Homebuilders Association jumped into hosting a community job fair for the students of the Haliburton Highlands. Left, a paramedic teaches high school students how to check their vitals. /EMILY STONEHOUSE staff

Job fair encourages local kids to tackle the trades

EMILY STONEHOUSE
County Life Editor

While the students of Haliburton Highlands Secondary School (HHSS) may go off to explore the world, the Homebuilder's Association wants people to know that there are plenty of opportunities, right here at home.

On April 16, 33 businesses and organizations from across the county set up booths in the high school gym to showcase their offerings. "We wanted to open up everything at multiple levels," said Aggie Tose, the organizer of the event. "We wanted to show all the types of employment that are available right here in Haliburton."

The full-day event was catered to students from ages Grade 8 and up. The organizers coordinated bussing to ensure the senior students from Archie Stouffer could also participate. "It's a pretty hyped up event," said secondary school teacher Renato D'Ambrosio. "There are a lot of trades here, but it's not just the trades," he said. "There are also a lot of volunteer opportunities available for the students to get their volunteer hours."

Andrew Brown of Haliburton Crew custom homes has been attending the event since it started, for three years before the COVID-19 pandemic put the event on pause, and the three events that have occurred following the pandemic. "We really need more people in the trades," he said. "With the elections happening now, everyone is promising housing, but no one is thinking about who's going to build those houses."

Kirstley Dams from the County of Haliburton talks about different volunteer opportunities with local students.

Brown noted that speaking to the students is key. "We should be talking to these students, and getting them ready to be in the trades," he said.

Other organizations present were Compass Early Years Centre, the County of Haliburton, local paramedics, police officers, and fire crews. Canoe FM had a booth set up, and were having fun recording students who wanted to practice their 'radio voices' for the station.

Each booth had neon signs indicating whether there were student job openings, co-op opportunities, and/or upcoming volunteer occasions. While some tables had a simplified set-up, others included interactive activities and challenges to get the students involved.

The students were split up by grade, with Grade 9s starting first thing in the morning, and working their way up. Each student was given a scavenger hunt sheet in an effort to encourage them to open up to the visiting businesses.

"This wasn't here when I went to Hal High," said Eleanor Dobbins of CDH Carpentry LTD. "But it's so great to be able to talk to kids who are interested in this kind of work." Dobbins noted that at that point, CDH had put a number of students through trades school, and intends to continue that for future employees. "We definitely need more people in the trades to be working locally," she said.

For more information on the Haliburton County Homebuilders Association, visit their website at www.hchba.ca.

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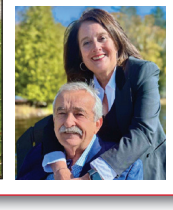

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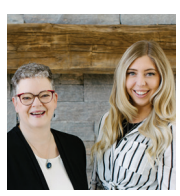

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Until we meet again…

A LIFE CONNECTED to community, friends, and family brings with it the sorrow of loss as people leave, move away and pass. Our Community Living family was rocked by such a passing and we are all in shock and sadness. Jenny worked with CLTH Haliburton for the past six years and in that time, we got to enjoy her steadfast optimism, her delight in life, her positive attitude and dedicated work ethic.

TERESA JORDAN
Community Living Contemplations

Jenny has left an indelible mark on our agency with a leadership that was not loud, she was never at the front of a room or singled out. She was at the edges of the room, ensuring all felt included, checking that people had what they needed, dancing, laughing, and bringing people together. Jenny made things happen, just by making them happen with her hard work, her tireless efforts to make things better and her smile.

Since her unexpected passing I have heard stories of care packages that she dropped to co-workers battling cancer, feeling ill or celebrating a life event. In our last conversation, Jenny excitedly told me about a trip that she had planned with one of the women we support to attend a soul retreat together. She was so excited as she had planned the trip together with the person we serve, and it was going to be a wonderful day of discovery and wellness for both.

In our work, all over the place, CLTH strives to make plans, dream dreams, set goals and plan events and excursions that bring joy. Jenny knew how to simply listen and hold space for people to feel seen and heard and in that safety and welcoming space we all knew that Jenny would honour our gifts and celebrate with us. She could turn around any day with one of her famous, huge, long hugs.

In her obituary offered by her family, they described Jenny as leading a simple life, prioritizing friends, and family. I think that eloquently sums it up, Jenny knew what it meant to be included, to include, to hold space for another person. Her life was a testament to the core belief of Community Living that everyone's gifts belong and should be celebrated. Her quiet confidence had such an impact on our agency. She will be missed and long remembered. Our broken hearts at community living require just the kind of balm that Jenny's hugs and attention could offer. We must keep her memory and legacy alive and offer that kind of attention to one another, I think we can, she taught us well. Until we meet again, thank you Jenny for making everything better while you were here.

Jennifer "Jenny" Miller passed away suddenly at the age of 50 on April 14. She worked with Community Living for six years in Haliburton. /submitted

Repair Café - May 4 special edition

Toss it away, no way! Did you hear, SIRCH Community Services is hosting our monthly Repair Café again on May 4.

Our Repair Café is a place where you can bring a broken item to be fixed by a team of volunteers for free while you watch and learn! And back by popular demand, we are so please to welcome back our *free bike clinic* from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. in the parking lot. This timely clinic is generously provided by Dave Paddock, the Bike Technician at Algonquin Outfitters. This is an opportunity for bicycle owners to bring in their bikes for small repairs and to learn basic maintenance and safety tips! Last year's clinic was a huge success so we're so thrilled to have Dave join us once again! You won't want to miss it!

Don't forget … many items are accepted at our inside repair cafe including small appliances, ceramics, toys, furniture, jewelry, textiles, computers, wooden furniture and more.

Repair Cafés for all of 2025 will take place on the first Sunday of each month at the SIRCH Bistro & Bakery, located at 49 Maple Ave. in Haliburton. Don't forget to put it on your calendar!

We are also looking for fixers and volunteers of all kinds. If you enjoy repairing things and helping others learn how, we invite you to join us as a volunteer fixer at the Repair Café.

If you're looking for more information, call SIRCH at 705-457-1742 or visit www.sirch.on.ca.

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Legion Events

Branch 441 Kinmount

Monday: Bid euchre 1 p.m., Cornhole 7 p.m. (upstairs)
Tuesday: Last Tuesday of the month-liver luncheon with one alternative 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
Wednesday: Mixed darts 7:30 p.m. Canteen opens at 6 p.m.
Thursday: General meeting (3rd week) Members only 7:30 p.m.
Friday: Chair yoga 10 a.m. Bingo, doors open at 5 p.m. play at 6:45 p.m.
Saturday: Meat draw 5 p.m. Canteen opens at 3 p.m.
Sunday: Ladies Auxiliary meeting (members only) 3rd week at 2 p.m.
Special events:
May 11 Mother's day breakfast $13.00/person
Friday night BBQ start May 23
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Branch 129 Haliburton

Mondays: Bridge 1 p.m. Schofield Rm. Youth darts 6:30 to 8 p.m. Clubroom 10 to 18 years of age. All are welcome, no experience necessary
Tuesdays: League darts 7 p.m.
Wednesdays: Bid Euchre 1 p.m. start – Main Hall. Bingo doors open at 6 p.m. Bingo starts at 7 p.m. First Wed of each month with jackpot. Follow Facebook.com/Branch129 Bingo for the most up-to-date information
Thursdays: General Meeting third Thursday of the month, 6:30 p.m. All members urged to attend. Ladies Auxiliary last Thursday of the month at 1 p.m.
Fridays: Five meat draw, five prizes each draw, first draw 4:30 p.m., last draw 6:30 p.m. Tickets $2 per draw. Paul Sisson, MC. Friday fun darts from 4:30 p.m. and onwards. 50/50 Draw 5:40 p.m.
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Branch 636 Minden

Lunch - Monday to Friday
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Tuesday: Food 5 p.m. Canoe FM Bingo 6 p.m.
Thursday: Cribbage 1 to 3 p.m., Darts 7 to 9 p.m. and Euchre 7 to 9 p.m.
Every other Friday: Karaoke 8 to 11 p.m.
Friday Fish & Chips, Wings. Lunch 11a.m. to 2 p.m. and Dinner 4 to 7 p.m.
Saturday All Day Breakfast 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. with three Meat draws at 11 a.m.
Call ahead any day for take-out: 705-286-4541. Schedules are subject to change without notice. Check our Facebook page Minden Legion Branch 636 for more info.

Branch 624 Wilberforce

Hours - Sunday: Special Events Only, Monday: 7 to 10 p.m., Tuesday: Closed, Wednesday: 2 to 6 p.m., Thursday: 2 to 10 p.m., Friday: 2 to 11 p.m., Saturday: 2 to 9 p.m.
Mondays - May 5, 12, 19, 26 – Darts, $5/player, 7 p.m.
Wednesdays - May 7, 14, 21, 28 Darts, $4/player, 2 p.m.
Thursdays - May 8, 22, HHHS Social Rec,10 a.m.
Fridays - May 2, 16, 30, Fish & Chips, 5 to 8 p.m. $15 for 1 piece $20 for 2 pieces
May 9, 23 - Wings and Jam Session, $15/lb, 5 to 8 p.m.
May 9, 23 - Seniors 55+ Lunch, $17, noon
Saturdays - May 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 - Meat Draw, 3 p.m.
May 17 - Karaoke, 8 p.m. to 1 a.m.
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When: Evening of May 3
Where: Wilberforce in the Lloyd Watson Community Centre
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Where: Minden Community Centre - 55 Parkside St. Minden
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Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition – Public Unveiling and Walking Tour
When: Wednesday, May 7, 2 p.m.
Where: Start at the Rails End Gallery
The Haliburton Sculpture Forest and the Haliburton BIA are hosting the 7th annual Downtown Haliburton Sculpture Exhibition this year. Join us at the Rails End Gallery for a walking tour of downtown Haliburton to see the sculptures and meet the artists.

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When: May 10, 4:30 to 10 p.m.
Where: Minden Curling Club
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When: May 17, 10 a.m. to noon
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Bridge for Seniors
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Where: Haliburton Legion - Schofield Room
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When: Mondays at 9 to 10 a.m.
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Bid Euchre
When: Wednesdays at 1 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion - Remembrance Hall
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Seniors Chair Exercises
When: Thursdays at 1 p.m.
Where: St. George's Anglican Church, 617 Mountain Street
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Cards/Euchre/Cribbage
When: Thursdays at 2:30 p.m.
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When: Every Saturday, 3 p.m.
Where: Coboconk Legion, Hwy 48 and 35
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Accomodation grading system being sought

The controversial Ontario grading study has again raised its head. At a recent Tourism Ontario meeting, Resorts Ontario proposed the grading advisory committee be reconvened to discuss grading of accommodation.

Tourism Ontario, (an umbrella association for Resorts Ontario, Ontario Hotel and Motel Association, Northern Ontario Tourist Outfitters, and Ontario Motel Association) had shelved a two-and-one-half year grading study because one of its members, OH & MA withdrew its support last fall.

At the recent Tourism Ontario meeting, OH & MA agreed to reconsider a grading system. According to president Bernice Marsh, "the OH & MA is willing to cooperate with a grading study, not the grading study."

President of Resorts Ontario, Art Ward, said his board of directors wanted to reinstate the grading system because members felt they were denied something. "It's just a desire to have more information."

With Resort Ontario members as willing guinea pigs, the Ontario government is willing to bear the cost of testing grading.

"I hope that dialogue will be in the context of how and when we get grading underway, not if. In simple terms - I am determined to do it and we are going to proceed on that basis," Larry Grossman, Ontario Minister of Industry and Tourism said at the annual convention of Resorts Ontario.

Grossman took a strong stand: "We are going to move forward to testing grading on the open market. I was gratified to see Resorts Ontario take a leadership role

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The cafeteria at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is taking on a new look these days. Students of the grade 12 Family Studies course are painting designs on the walls of the room in an effort to brighten school spirit and to give them a chance to put to work the theories of organization they've learned in class. Applying border tape are, from right to left, Ellen Anderson, Jeannine Daigle and Cindy Carnochan.

Plenty of problems but very few solutions for economic commission

A lack of forest management, an absence of loans for small businessmen and a shortage of new lakefront property for development were among the problems brought to the attention of the Haliburton County Economic Development Commission Friday night in Wilberforce.

Eight Briefs were presented at the workshop, the third in a series of three meetings intended to give county ratepayers a chance to air their economic concerns.

More than 40 people turned up at the Lloyd Watson Memorial Centre to hear public presentations to the nine member committee.

First brief of the evening came from Bruce Gibbs of Wilberforce Veneer and Lumber, who told the commission that too little effort was going into forest management in the county.

"There hasn't been any promotion given to forest management," Gibbs said. "There has to be a more concentrated effort and it's got to start at the local level."

He suggested the commission should use its influence to promote funding from government and private institutions for an ongoing forest management program.

Gibbs said consideration should also be given to using wood waste for the production of energy in the county. Experiments are currently underway in other areas to convert waste into small pellets "that might be used to replace oil in automated furnaces," Gibbs said.

He also suggested the possibility that a plant could be located in the county to produce artificial fire logs, the majority of which are presently manufactured in the United States.

Speaking for the Mountain Lake Property Owners Association, Patrick Daniel, area NDP candidate, said the owners supported the idea of long range planning, but that they felt public input should be allowed into planning decisions. Daniel suggested associations such as the one he represented should be notified of upcoming planning decisions that would be of direct interest to them. He also recommended that nominations for planning groups should be sought from various property owners and cottagers' associations.

Speaking as a political candidate in the upcoming federal election, Daniel said one of the keys to development was better co-operation between small businessmen and government. He also urged the commission to use caution in seeking to attract industry to the area.

"Let's not rush into introducing into Haliburton, new industry that could do more harm than good in the long term," he said.

Martin Hoffman, owner of the Flying Dutchman woodworking shop in Haliburton Village, told the commission the government wasn't doing enough for the small businessman. Hoffman said the commission should use its influence to persuade the government to make small low interest loans available for people who wanted to start a business and thus contribute to economic growth.

Hoffman also suggested municipalities should begin a glass recycling program at various dumpsites, with the money collected from the sale of the glass being donated to charities.

Jane Hepplestone of the Canada Manpower Outreach Office in Haliburton outlined for the commission the various assistance programs available to help employers and employees.

Sonya Holliday-Rhodes, chairman of the Haliburton County Anti-Pollution Committee, recommended that the commission set up an impartial task force to examine the environmental impact of any industry before it allowed it to locate in the county. She said the committee was particularly concerned about possible pollution from uranium mining and pulp plants.

Commission chairman Glen Hodgson said the Commission shared the anti-pollution committee's concerns, and that consideration would be given to establishing a central site for industry where various environmental

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Cracked girder forces repair of MTC bridge in Kinmount

Traffic flow over the Burnt River bridge in Kinmount has been reduced to a single lane and a load limit of ten tons has been imposed following the discovery of a cracked girder on the bridge's east side.

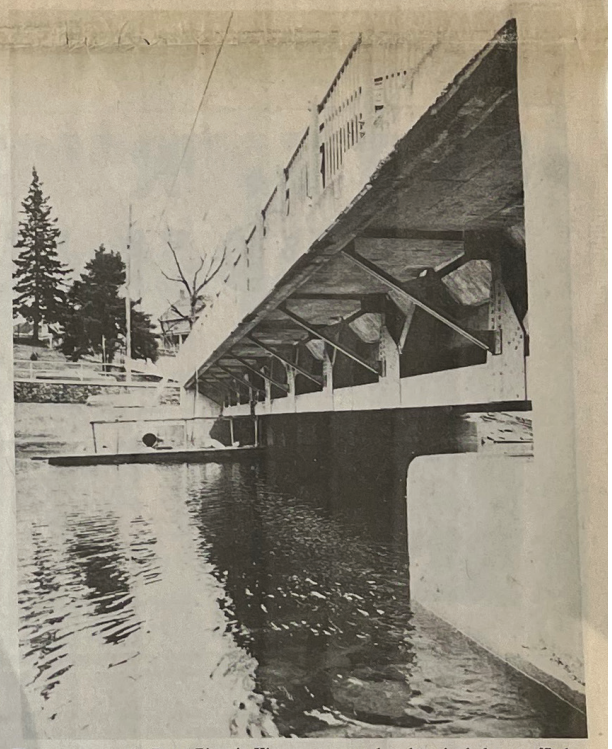
Spokesmen for the Ministry of Transportation and Communications say the single lane traffic flow and the ten ton limit will continue until a bailey bridge can be constructed to allow for repair or replacement of the girder.

Workmen from the MTC were on the site last week examining the condition of the bridge, which has a normal load limit of 43 tons.

A fisherman is reported to have noticed the cracked girder and reported it to the authorities, forcing the reduction in traffic.

Cause of the damage is still unknown according to Malcolm McMaster District Engineer at the Port Hope office of the Ministry. He speculated, however, that expansion and contraction of the beam in the severe cold weather this past winter could have been a factor in the break.

The bridge was reported to have been checked by Ministry officials last summer and found to be in safe condition.



The bridge over the Burnt River in Kinmount was reduced to single lane traffic last week following the discovery of a break in the bridge's main supporting beam on the east side. Work to repair the break has begun, and a bailey bridge may have to be built to allow repairs to be completed. Load limit on the bridge has been set at 10 tons.

Cottager will urge county council to begin liming acid stressed area lakes

At least one area cottager is tired of the government's attitude toward the acid rain problem and has come up with a plan to do something about it.

Mike Collins, a cottager in Monmouth Township, told a special meeting of Monmouth council last Thursday that the county should begin its own program to lime area lakes stressed by acid rain.

An industrial chemist who said he has done research in the Sudbury area, Collins claimed the government is not acting fast enough to save area lakes, which have gradually been becoming acidified over the last 20 years from atmospheric pollution.

When the problem first surfaced the government claimed it wasn't important, Collins said. Later it admitted the problem was serious but said it wasn't serious enough to do something about. And recently, Collins said, the government has acknowledged that the problem is extremely serious but continues to maintain that nothing can be done about it in the immediate future.

Collins said the government's claim that it doesn't have sufficient money to begin an expensive program to save precambrian shield lakes from the effects of acid rain is "nonsense".

"You can't just write off an area," he said.

Since the government has as yet come up with no concrete plan to save area lakes from the damage acid rain causes, Collins said the county should tackle the problem on its own.

"We don't need to involve experts," he said. "We have

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Farmers not getting their share - Logan

Farmers in Haliburton and Victoria Counties are not getting their share of "the agricultural pie" according to the area Liberal candidate.

Speaking in Cambray on April 25, David Logan said farmers in both counties" have been neglected regarding the availability of information and leadership required to direct them to take advantage of the funds that are available."

As an example, Logan said that in 1978-79, to January 31, only $54,400 was received from the Feed-freight Assistance Adjustment Fund. Contributions equal to 30 percent of capital expenditures (to a maximum of $1,500 per farmer) for permanent storage structures for grain, silage and haylage, driers, grain handling systems, feed preparation and distribution systems, were available.

"Thus, at maximum, something in the order of 36 farmers were assisted. I suggest that more could be helped if the lines of communication could be opened," Logan said.

The Liberal candidate also said farmers should be aware that contributions equal to 50 percent of the cost, up to a maximum of $10,000 were available to the farmer innovator who developed new technologies which would have improved grain production. Only $8,500 was received in Victoria and Haliburton Counties in 1978-79 to January 31, 1979.

"This meagre amount speaks for itself," Logan said.

Logan claimed the people of the county need a member of parliament "who knows the doors that have to be opened."

HHSS class redecorating cafeteria to boost spirit

Jeannine Daigle and her grade 12 Family Studies course classmates have managed to turn learning into practical experience.

The 18-year old student and her classmates at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School are working on a project involving painting the walls of the school's cafeteria. The aim is to use the skills learned by the class, to brighten the cafeteria and increase school spirit.

The class is actually the design committee for the project, under the supervision of teacher Rosie Kenney.

"We figured since the cafeteria was the focal point of the school, it would be a perfect place for the project," said Daigle.

A similar project was undertaken by last year's class, which painted the lockers throughout the school. The Board of Education has given their approval to the project, and will be sponsoring the costs.

The 15 students working on the cafeteria project are now part-way through the scheme. A base coat has been applied to the walls, and one of the classmates has designed the graphics which will be applied to the walls.

All the work is voluntary, and the students work after school and on weekends. With the number of people working on the project, Daigle says they are able to maintain "different crews and different shifts to work."

Judging by the smiles on the students' faces when they are painting, it's an extra-curricular activity that's worth the work it takes.

The annual track meet at Haliburton Highlands Secondary School is on today, but at press time, the weather was less than agreeable, as Keith and Phil Smith found out. The boys, both grade 12 students, were out on the school's track Tuesday trying to remove as many of the potholes and as much water as possible.

"Theft" was an effort to prevent a theft

It looked like a theft, but it wasn't. It seems that Mountainview Lodge near Gooderham (what is left after a fire some time ago) was entered between January 15 and April 24 and a jukebox and a shuffleboard were removed.

The total estimate of the items was $2,300. Following an investigation by OPP Constable Mike Maher, both items were recovered.

The property had been removed by a third party who took them into safe keeping so they wouldn't be stolen.

No charges have been laid.

Lutterworth council lodges protest of '79 Board of Education apportionment

Lutterworth Township council has lodged a protest over the apportionment of 1979 Haliburton County Board of Education levies.

Lutterworth's share of this year's approximately $4.8 million Board of Education budget is $203,066. Last year's levy to Lutterworth was $181,879.

The increase amounts to 11.7 percent, the highest increase in the county. Levies were up an average of 9.2 percent for all Haliburton County municipalities this year.

Jim Leworthy, business administrator for the board, said Monday that Lutterworth's assessment (the basis on which levies are apportioned to municipalities) has grown by 3.41 percent in the last year, compared to an overall assessment increase across the county of 1.8 percent. The assessment increase in Lutterworth has resulted in a corresponding increase in the portion of the total school board levy that Lutterworth has been asked to pay.

Lutterworth council, however, isn't satisfied that the apportionment is fair, and has decided to contest it.

"We're one of the smallest townships and we got the biggest whack," reeve Ron Gambell said Tuesday. "We feel we have to protest on behalf of the taxpayers."

Under the terms of the Education Act of 1974, a board of arbitarion consisting of all of the municipal clerk treasurers in the county will be called to consider the Lutterworth protest. That meeting is scheduled for May 17.

The arbitration board is apportionment if it agrees with Lutterworth's contention that the percentages are unfair. That isn't likely to happen however, because any change in the Lutterworth apportionment would result in an increase in the levies for other county municipalities.

Once the clerks hand down their decision, Lutterworth will have 30 days in which to file a further protest with the Ontario Municipal Board.

A number of such appeals have been launched in the past in Haliburton County,

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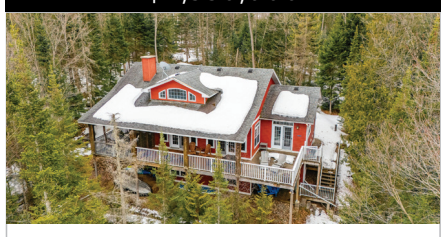

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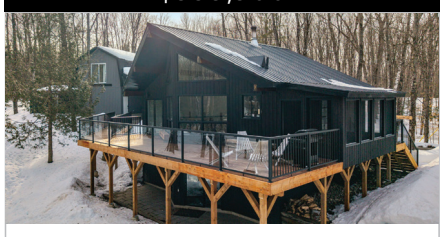

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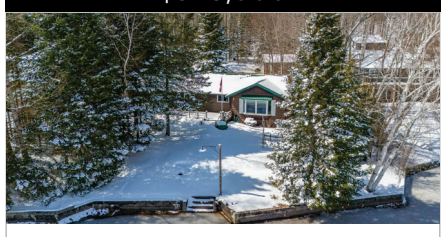

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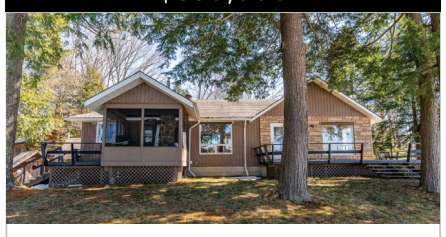

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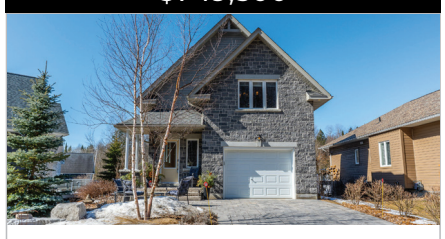

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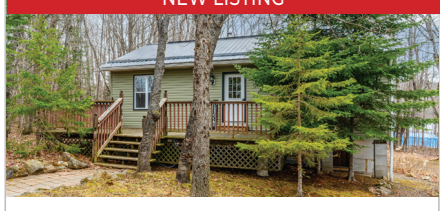

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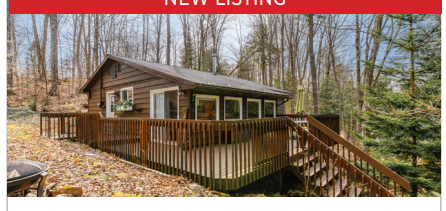

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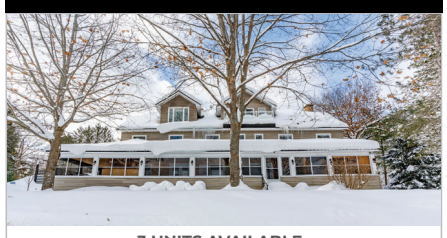

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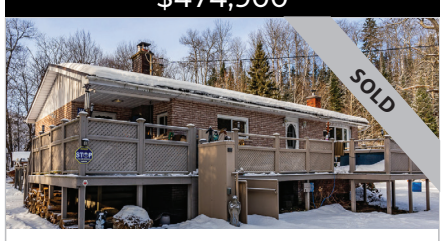

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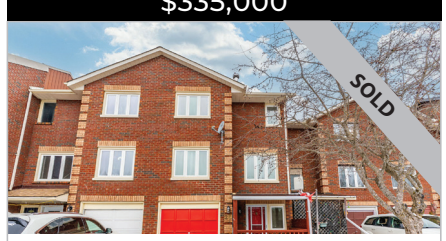

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